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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROPAGANDA HITS U.S. AGAIN ON HORN

1. IZVESTIYA JAN 23 CARRIED TWO BRIEF TASS STORIES DATELINED WASHINGTON JAN 22 AND ADDIS ABABA JAN 22 ON WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ON THE HORN. FORMER STORY NOTES CONFERENCE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT HORN CONFLICT CAN BE SETTLED ONLY THROUGH PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA. STORY THEN ADDS THAT "INFORMED CIRCLES NOTE THAT IN THE MEETING THE QUESTION WAS RAISED ABOUT COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA WHICH EARLIER TURNED TO NATO WITH A REQUEST TO PROVIDE IT WITH ARMS TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS AGAINST ETHIOPIA." ADDIS DATELINED STORY CITES ETHIOPIAN CONDEMNATION OF WASHINGTON CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS AS "IN REALITY" ENCOURAGING AND APPROVING AGGRESSION.

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2. SAME ISSUE OF IZVESTIYA CONTAINS LENGTHY INTERNATIONAL REVIEW ARTICLE BY V. MATVEYEV WHICH CLAIMS THAT THE U.S. HAS ENCOURAGED SOMALI AGGRESSION AGAINST ETHIOPIA BY MEANS OF A PROMISE OF WEAPONS. THIS STEP WAS TAKEN BY THE U.S., ACCORDING TO MATVEYEV, IN ORDER TO WORSEN RELATIONS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND THE USSR, WHICH "TAKES A PRINCIPLED POSITION OPPOSING

ANNEXIONS AND SEIZURES IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD."
THE QUESTION OF U.S. ARMS AID TO SOMALIA IS REVIVED
ONCE AGAIN IN A TASS REPORT IN PRAVDA OF JAN 25.
AFTER REPORTING CONDEMNATIONS OF THE U.S. BY THE
DEPUTY ETHIOPIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT A
PRESS CONFERENCE IN ROME, TASS STATES THAT U.S. AND
BRITISH ARMS CONTINUE TO FLOW INTO SOMALIA FROM
SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN THE NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST AND
REPORTS THAT THE U.S. AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE SIGNED
AN AGREEMENT TO SELL WEAPONS TO EGYPT FOR TRANS-
SHIPMENT TO SOMALIA.
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